

(From the American Agricultural.)

MAPLE SUGAR.

The maple sugar season is just upon us. Always important as it is, this year it is more so than ever. The high price of common sugar makes it a costly luxury, to be indulged in sparingly. Moreover, it will do no Northern harm to be thrown a little more upon our own resources. With the maple-trees and the Sorghum plant, we shall get along quite comfortably. The "sugar-bush" should always be securely fenced in; it is a great annoyance to have one's buckets visited by roving cattle during the night. The apparatus used may be of the rudest kind—the "buckets" mere blocks of wood dug out with an axe, the sap boiled down in kettles hung on a cross-bar in the open woods—but then, the molasses and sugar will be rude, too. We can easily do better than that.

First—the conveniences for boiling down. Build an "arch" of brick and mortar, in size corresponding to the extent of the bush. On this, large pans are to be set for evaporating. Two or three cross-bars of iron are to be laid across the opening, to prevent the pans from sagging down. The pans should stand exactly level. Any timer can make the pans, using Russia iron, two sheets riveted together with sides 5 or 6 inches deep turned over & wire, and provided with handles. When more than one pan is used they should be set on the same arch, each as much as its own depth higher than the other, so that the sap can be drawn if desired, through facets, from the highest to the lowest. If this arch is under a large shed, it will contribute much to the comfort and cleanliness of the work. Provide good dry wood.

For tapping the tree, use an augur $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ inch size, and bore holes from an inch to one and a half inches deep, merely cutting through the bark and sap wood. A deeper hole strikes into the heart wood, and begets decay. By tapping three or four feet above the ground, the sap is kept free from flying leaves and dirt.

Various kinds of spouts are used—Those made of tin or sheet iron are in high favor with some. They are about two inches wide and six inches long, rounded up coves-trough fashion, and one end sharpened with file or grind stone. It is then driven into the bark just below the augur-hole, using a wooden mallet for driving, to avoid battering it. Others prefer wooden spouts, made of pine or hard wood.

Buckets are sometimes made of tin, others of cedar, and others of pine, the wooden ones being hooped with iron or ash, and painted. These are suspended either on the end of the spout (bad practice,) or upon a large nail or hook driven into the tree.

For collecting sap, some still practice carrying the buckets by hand to the kettles and pans; some conduct it by shallow troughs to a large reservoir at the centre of the bush. Others collect the sap by pails; in a cask or vat drawn upon a sled or stone boat.

Sugaring Off.—This is an easy process. When the sap is boiled down to a syrup, strain it through a clean flannel strainer into a medium sized cauldron, and boil it until it granulates. If leaves, pieces of bark, ashes, flies, or dirt of any kind has fallen into the sap, it must be clarified. This can be done by using milk, or saleratus and the whites of eggs. A good recipe is a half teacup of new milk to every pailful of syrup. Then boil slowly and stir well together, skimming off the scum which will soon rise to the surface. This done, and the syrup being found "dry" enough (by testing a little in a saucer) to make into forms, pour it into tin molds of any convenient size or form, and when they are solid, lay the cakes upside down to prevent premature draining.

At the first leisure moment, by the cakes on their edges with dishes underneath to catch the drainings. The cakes will soon harden.

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